

REGISTERING FOR THE CONFERENCE

The Tri-County Fire Working Group and Lewis & Clark County will be coordinating registration for the conference. Please complete this form and mail it along with your payment to:

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Organization _____

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Registration for the conference covers conference materials, lunch and dinner on Tuesday, as well as lunch on Wednesday during the event. There will also be a reception in the tradeshow area the first evening of the conference, with snacks and a cash bar available.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

	Price before Jan. 31, 2006*	Price after Jan. 31, 2006*
<input type="checkbox"/> Conference Registration	\$ 75	\$ 100
<input type="checkbox"/> Tradeshow Exhibitor	\$ 125	\$ 150
Total: _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Check here for vegetarian meals		
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* To get the best rate, your registration and payment must be received by January 31, 2006.



Red Lion Colonial

The Red Lion Colonial is the host hotel for the Montana Communities & Wildfire Conference. Conference attendees are responsible for their accommodations during the conference. If you decide to stay at the Colonial, mention the conference when you make reservations to receive a special room rate. Call (406) 443-2100 or (800) 422-1002.

A limited number of registration scholarships will be available for the conference. Eligible applications will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to one per organization (i.e. fire department, conservation organization, homeowner association, etc.) For more information, contact Pat McKelvey at (406) 447-8225.

The tradeshow is for contractors, consultants, or other businesses and organizations with services or products related to interface fire protection, suppression, fuels reduction, forest restoration, planning, etc. Exhibitor fee includes full conference registration, an 8-foot table with linens, a power source, and internet access. Questions regarding the trade show should be directed to Bruce Suenram, Fire Logistics, by calling (406) 449-9761 or via email at

**bsuenram@firelogistics.com or
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*February 27 thru March 1, 2006
Red Lion Colonial
Helena, Montana*

MONTANA COMMUNITIES & WILDFIRE CONFERENCE

*Developing collaborative
solutions to protect
Montana communities
from wildland fire.*



**More information available online at
www.dnrc.mt.gov**

Reduced registration if received before January 31, 2006!

Purpose of the Conference

In 2001, the National Fire Plan brought the wildland-urban interface into the national spotlight. We assessed Communities at Risk — cities and towns in close proximity to forested lands — and developed strategies to improve fire response, reduce hazardous fuels, and encourage Firewise development in the interface.

Now, five years later, it's important to look back at the accomplishments of the program, renew our vision for the future, and plan for our continued success. There are ever-important issues to be addressed. Among them, biomass utilization, improving forest health, revitalizing the economic health of our forest-dependent communities, and reducing the risk of uncharacteristic wildfires to our forests, watersheds, and communities.



This conference brings together people from many backgrounds, all sharing the common goal of protecting Montana communities from wildland fires. Invited participants are scientists, firefighters, homeowners, realtors, planners, volunteers, foresters, developers, politicians, conservation organizations, and other community leaders. Our goals are to share experiences, provide critical input for future plans and actions, and create a statewide council to keep things moving forward. Please join us!

Conference Agenda Highlights

The full conference agenda, with presentation details including invited panelists is available online at www.dnrc.mt.gov or call Paula Rosenthal at 406-542-4235 to request a copy via email.

Monday, February 27, 2006

8:00 a.m. **Registration**

12:00 p.m. **Welcome, introductions, agenda review, logistics, and safety information – Ed Tinsley, Chairman, Lewis and Clark County Board of Commissioners and Paula Rosenthal, Supervisor, Fire Prevention and National Fire Plan, DNRC**

12:20 p.m. **Welcome on Behalf of the Governor Mary Sexton, Director, DNRC**

12:30 p.m. **“Communities and Wildfire: National Policies and Objectives” – Jim Hubbard, Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, USDA Forest Service (invited)**

1:15 p.m. **“Montana Perspectives and Initiatives” – Bob Harrington, Montana State Forester, DNRC**

2:20 p.m. **“Getting Started” -- Moderator: Mike Dannenberg, Fire Education/Mitigation Specialist, DOI, BLM (Panel)**

3:50 p.m. **“The South Hills Project” Pat McKelvey, Tri County FWG**

Tuesday, February 28, 2006

8:00 a.m. **“Fire in the Interface” Ted Mead Montana DNRC (Panel)**

9:50 a.m. **“Reducing Hazardous Fuels” Gordy Sanders, Pyramid Mountain Lumber Company (Panel)**

11:45 a.m. **“Restoration Forestry”, Dr. Steve Arno and Dr. Carl Fiedler (lunch presentation)**

1:15 p.m. **“Restoring Fire-adapted Ecosystems”, Peter Kolb, MSU Extension, (Panel)**

6:30 p.m. **Dinner with State Forester Bob Harrington and presentation by Arizona State Forester Kirk Rowdabaugh on Arizona’s Forest Health Advisory Council.**

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

8:00 a.m. **“Utilization of Biomass from Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration Activities.”, Julia Altemus, Montana Logging Association (Panel)**

10:20 a.m. **“Creating a Montana Firesafe Council or similar organization” California FireSafe Council Executive Director**

11:20 a.m. **Next Steps — Conference Summary, Carol Daly, Flathead Economic Policy Center**

11:30 a.m. **Lunch with the Honorable Brian Schweitzer, Governor of Montana (invited), “Montana’s Communities and Forests — Present Issues, Future Directions” Mary Sexton, Director, Montana DNRC**

1:00 p.m. **Conference Wrap-Up/Adjourn**

There will be a tradeshow in conjunction with the conference. Details are on the back of this brochure along with registration information.